

Petition, CG Docket No. 04-208, Petition for Declaratory Ruling Regarding Truth-In-Billing and Billing Format, is long overdue. I support it, and I urge you to act on it now. Many consumers feel as I do -- annoyed with a long list of new charges and frustrated with trying to compare prices when shopping for service. Phone bills should be truthful, easy to read and easy to understand. Because this practice is tolerated by the FCC, long distance and wireless phone companies are able to hide the true cost of service. Competition will not work if consumers cannot accurately compare prices. The FCC should immediately grant the NASUCA petition to investigate carrier practices related to line item charges on bills for wireline and wireless phone service; to declare certain practices in violation of the Commission's "Truth in Billing" Order and to prohibit carriers from imposing separate monthly fees, line items or surcharges unless expressly mandated by law or the ! charge is expressly authorized by a governmental authority.